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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In order to place the application in proper form for examination, Applicants hereby amend the specification as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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This application is the U.S. National Phase of International Application Number PCT/IB00/00865 filed on June 28, 2000, which is incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to a method for determining a low pattern of a fluid in a space.